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1	CLAUDIA MUNOZ, et al, CASE NO. CV-F 02-6559 REC LJO
2	Plaintiffs,
3	VS.
4	NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION, et al.,
5	Defendants.
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7	ROSA ROMERO, et al., CASE NO. CV-F- 03-5271 REC LJO
8	Plaintiffs,
9	VS.
10	NATIONAL RAILROAD
11	PASSENGER CORPORATION, et al.,
12	Defendants.
13	On February 23, 2006, the guardians ad litem for seven minor plaintiffs <sup>1</sup> filed their petition to
14	seek this Court's approval of settlement with defendant Shafter-Wasco Ginning Co., Inc. This Court
15	APPROVES the proposed distribution of the \$50,000 settlement proceeds of \$30,000 for expert costs
16	and \$20,000 to the 20 settling plaintiffs. However, this Court finds that the settlement shares of \$1,000
17	for each minor plaintiff needs to be better protected than merely forwarding the shares to the guardians
18	ad litem as they propose. As such, this Court ORDERS that the \$7,000 settlement shares for the minor
19	plaintiffs be placed in a blocked account or accounts for the minor plaintiffs' benefit and that each minor
20	plaintiffs' share shall not be withdrawn until the respective minor plaintiff reaches age 18 or as otherwise
21	ordered by this Court. The Court otherwise APPROVES the minors compromise petition.
22	IT IS SO ORDERED.
23	Dated:February 24, 2006/s/ Lawrence J. O'Neill66h44dUNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
24	ONITED STATES MADISTRATE JUDGE
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27	The minor plaintiffs are Lizbeth Auguilar Adame, Luis Mario Munoz, Juan Jimenez, Maria Guadalupe
28	Jimenez Diaz, Valeria Itzel Jimenez, Ezequiel Suarez Rodriguez and Diana Suarez Rodriguez and will be referred to collectively as the "minor plaintiffs."